THE CHURCHES AND TO-DAY'S SERVICES

Amos, Fearless Prophet

REV. FLOYD W. TOMKINS. Text: Amos v. 1-15.

Dr. Campbell Morgan entitles the prophecy of Amos as declaring "Na- SPEAKS NOT OF GOD'S WRATH ndous warning given the captivity d scattering of the ten tribes. It

Bethel, some ten miles north it was the passing of m wilderness to court, to city. Living on the the sycamore tree he d his story: "The Lord took followed the flock, and the sign or by an inward mo-

were: injustice, avarice, opan act of courage to

for the Christian. God speaks through , human experience, through joy orrow alike. Our sins stand out and unless we confess them and seek the pardon of Christ they will press us down to the depths. Let us judge ourselves, new, that we be not judged by the Lord (1 Cor. xl. 31). It is comforting for us to tell God how poor and needy we are, for He stands ready to forgive if we tell Illim we are sorry. Who has not trawe the new of texts. which comes when, weary and grieved with himself, the cry has been sin-derely uttered. "God be merciful to me, sinner," and the Christ has answered, Thy sins are forgiven; go in peace! But if we try to excuse our faults, and if we claim that we are moral nd upright and better than most people, then we grow hardened. It is strange that God has to use extreme measures to bring us to a knowledge of our need of itim! He had to knock Saul down before He could make him His disciple and send him to preach the gospel to the Gentile. And he has to send war and destruction upon nas to send war and destruction upon ready to fill his own pulpit should any in penitence and faith.

The difficult.

BEAUTIFUL EXAMPLE In Amos's prophecy we have a beautiful example of what is called the Hebrew dirge. It is like the Sonata Pathetique of Beethoven or of Tschaikowsky, heavy with minor chords, yet lightened by the tones of prayer and exalted by the suggestions of triumph. So wrote Jeremiah in his "Lamenta-Amos keeps him company. It is good for us to have such a cry uttered for us which we can make our own, even as it is good in music to have the light and meaningless sounds of cheap popularity replaced by the deep pathos of real harmony. We need to weep at times, not the tears of bitterness, but the tears of sorrow, and a sorrow which has hope in spite of the fact that we have grieved by our sins the Father who loves us. If only Israel had repented as Nineveh her history might have been! We sometimes want our ministers to prophesy smooth things, while we need quite often the thunderbolts of warnsometimes want ing and the lightning flashes of wrath lest we grow easy and unconcerned concerning our spiritual and moral conand unconcerned

AMOS BEGS PROPER TO SEEK THEIR GOD How splendidly in the fifth chapter Amos begs the people to seek God in Amos begs the people to seek for the alone can save. Seek, for the has no patience with unrighteousness. Seek, for the heavens and upon earth. Seek, for the is merciful.

Somehow in all the prophecies, and in Hutchinson.

God breaks out as if He could not restrain it, just as we have seen people severe and yet read in their eyes or noted in the tone of their voice a pathos which proved how big their heart was and how they longed to comfort and soothe. Amos had no bitterness in his heart as he spoke his strong words. for he was the messenger of God, and so knew the mercy of God.

Let no man dare to speak of God's was given through a herdman of lasting love! Let no man tell of hell rekoa, a barren district twelve miles without also telling of heaven. Alas south of Jerusalem, and it is, therefor the preacher who warms his peofer the preacher who warms his peofer to the preacher who warms have the preacher who warms his peofer to the preacher who warms have the preacher who w of its imagery and the force of its language we learn how the Hote Spirit can speak through even the humblest and poorest. David was a shepherd lad, and through him God gave us the Twenty-third Psalm. Amos was a herdman, and through him God sent this wonderful message to Israel. We may well thank Him that He is willing to speak His truth through poor human lips.

BRAVE ACT OF AMOS

IN GOING FROM TEKOA IN GOING FROM TEROA of all our sins and wanderings brave thing for Amos to go Christ, dear Friend, without Thee in-carren lands of Tekoa, where, deed we cannot live; we cannot die!

to salvation. Full well I know my sinful-ab-ness, and I am ashamed and afraid darkness and I know Thou dost love heaven. Amen and amen.

HOLD SPECIAL SERVICES AT ST. PAUL'S NEXT WEEK

Will Be in Connection With Parochial Mission at Direction of Bishop Gibson.

beginning on Monday, December 6, and Jerry continuing throughout all the nights of illing that week in connection with a parolessed chial mission, which is to be held in a long that week in connection with a parolessed chial mission, which is to be held in a long treatment of the pastorate of one of the leading Presbyterian churches at Pitts-burgh. His fresh virile style of the pastorate of one of the vision a reality, that made the Sabbath school of his church so great twenty-five and fifty, and 34 per cent have between fifty and one hundred.

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LED NATION INTO SIN mended that all of the congregations become wealthy and pross of the church hold, some time during

will preach on the six evenings.

Following is the letter of Bishop tieth century civilization.

PROGRAM ARRANGED

ming the messengers of a Nation-Wide Mission. The thought der our error, and Amos's is that should the whole of this great to meet thy God." is the church unite in uplifting the voice of a Family Tree. Wednesday, Dec which this year is the preacher of the Gospel at one and the tragedy across the the same period of time the result.

FAPTHFULLY RECOUNTED that we kind of judgment day that we first Sunday in Auvent, and ending with Sunday, December 12, which is the third Sunday, December 12, which is the Sunday, December 12, which is the Sunday, December 12, which is the first Sunday in Advent, December 12, which is

"As preliminary to the arrangements Whale the Hero" inserves, therefore I ask just now one dozen sermons on the fundamental truths of the Gospel. Let these ser-

date be unfilled by an appointment.

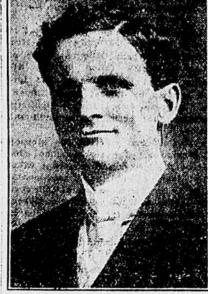
"The difficulty, where there is one, will be with the country parishes, but in many vicinities the parish church will serve as a meeting place for the whole parish. The difficulty is the same which confronts the country elergy in every lenten season.

"To a people as much assurtants."

subjects and speakers of the winter at Calvary Church include: "The Organization of the World," Professor Nathaniel Schmidt, Cornell University: "War Makers and War Traders," Dr. Frederick C. Howe, Commissioner of Immigration: "The Issues of the New Indiversity: The Issues of the New Indiversity: The Issues of the New Indiversity and Professors meetings are time as the Commission on Church and Rural Life, have arranged mainly for business meetings, without public addresses." Immigration: "The Issues of the Next Blection," Norman Hapgood, Harper's Weekly; "The Church and New Social Christ the I upon earth. Seek, for He is merciful. Those to-day are the four great appeals brought to men. There is no salvation save through Christ. There is wrath for those who wilifully choose their own destruction. He who controls the heavenly bodies must be feared. He who made us loves us and sent His Son to save us. Sometimes one appeal touches and sometimes another, but through them all the dear Father's voice sounds so tenderly, "Seek Me, seek Me!"

Somehow in all the prophecies, and in the story of the church and New Social Conscience," Bishop Charles D. Willams, Detroit: "The Church and New Social Conscience," Bishop Charles D. Willams, Detroit: "The Challenge of the American Spirit." Professor E. A. Steiner, Grinnell College: "One Year at Sing," Thomas Mott Osborne: "Europe in the Melting Pot," Dr. Stanton Coit, London: "The City Police Problem." Raymond B. Fosdick, New York: "Industrial Idealism," Miss Ida Tarbell: "Applied Christianity," Rev. O. P. Gifford, Brookline; also addresses by John Spargo, Miss Margaret Slattery, Professor Scott Nearing and Dr. Woods Hutchinson.

Noted Bible Scholar Here



Covenant Presbyterlan Church.

NOTED BIBLE SCHOLAR TO LECTURE THIS WEEK

Rev. Andrew W. Blackwood, D. D., Will Deliver Series at Grace-Covenant Church.

of Pittsburgh, Pa., but now opinion was recognized. partor of the First Presbyterian Church, of Columbia, S. C. Dr. Blackwood took its first degree at Harvard, and his livinity course at Princeten. He held optimism and he was a man of vision. divinity course at Princeton. He held optimism and he was a man of vision, the chair of Hebrew at the Seminary at It was his vision realized, as the re-

Thursday, December 2-"Religion for

Mature Man

Monday, December 6-Blind Lead-

Christ the Drawing Power, New York Methodists have endorsed movies for the church along with gymnasiums, etc., all of which are good and we think have a place in church life, says the Abilene Reporter. But no church will amount to much in reaching the masses in which Jesus Christ is not the center and the chief drawing power. People prefer to go to the theater and parks for amusement. When they go to church it is "Subsequently general conferences because they feel the need of spiritual have extended the form, more nearly food, and Christ alone will satisfy the approaching again the original order rayings of the human soul.

ENDOW TRAINING SCHOOL Will Hold Services Here GYPSY SMITH, JR., OPENS AS PERMANENT MEMORIAL

Presbyterian Church Will Honor Memory of Rev. A. L. Phillips, D. D.

SEEK TO RAISE FUND OF \$50,000

Great Vision of Useful Life Was for Establishment of School for Instruction of Lay Workers-School Now in Second Year.

When the late Rev. A. L. Phillips. D. D., of Richmond, became superintendent of the Sabbath school department of the Southern Presbyterian south of Jerusalem, and it is, therefore, the cry of a workingman. God has a message for all, and He brings His messengers from the poor and the philosopher and the peasant. There is mo discrimination with God—He has a work for all men to do, however their earthly lot may vary. And when we study this book and recognize the beauty of its imagery and the force of its language we learn how the Holy Spirit can speak through even the Spirit can speak through even the south of the spirit can speak through even the sp Thurch, the number of Sabbath schools It is probable that he was best

known as a Sabbath school leader and worker, but his activity was not con-fined to this one phase of church development. Dr. Phillips was a loyal Prosbyterian and an honored minister of his church, but his efficient, suc-cessful service extended far beyond the limit of one denomination. He was honored and loved, on account of his breadth of Christian spirit, and his capable judgment, not only by the Presbyterian Church, but by all evan-gelical denominations; and by all of TO BE HERE FOR TEN DAYS

One of Most Prominent Members of
Presbyterian Clergy Shows That
Book of Books Has Message for
Present-Day Civilization.

general denominations; and by all of
these was he recognized as a leader
in every phase of work that touched
the uplift and development of the
young life of the church. It is probable that no man in the South within
so short a time was honored with
membership in, and official relation to,
so many interdenominations; so many interdenominational and ternational organizations in the in-terest of the Sabbath school, and other the privilege this week in the Grace Covenant Presbytcrian Church of hearing Rev. Andrew W. Blackwood, D. D., organizations and the wisdom of his

content which a particular that we were in connection with a particular that we have been dispersion, which is to be held in a great many cities in the country durfling the advent eason.

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The services at St. Paul's will be simple and informal, with well-known to the church members and in street that the church members and in a style that is peculiarly in the church members and in a style that is peculiarly in the country civilization.

The rector, lev Russell Bowles, D. D., will preach the framework that the control hash asked of the church is well and happy in shows that the control hash asked of us, one and all, to join ha series of the church has asked of the control will be control the control that the control will be control the control that the control will be control the control will be control the control will be control to the control will be cont

MEMORIAL TO DR. PHILLIPS

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December 3—"Religion for a Man."

The general assembly of the present assembly of the training school asy. December 4—"The Prophet of Love."

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Tuesday, December 7—"An Old-Fash- church, but in many other denomination a much-discussed report by Presi-

Single field by the country product with the service of many for such service as they can be serviced as the serviced as the

Book of Common Prayer as originally given by John Wesley. The church celendar says:

By unanimous vote of the official board St. Andrew's Methodist Church restores the form for morning prayer as originally arranged from the Pook of Common Prayer of the Church of England ('for the people called Metho-dists') by John Wesley, and adopted at the organization of the Methodist Spiscopal Church in the United States at the Christmas general conference in Baltimore, 1784. While this liturgy is retained by the British Wesleyan Methodists, it fell into disuse in the United States. The general conference of 1892 adopted a similar form,

of worship prescribed by John Wesley."



MANY COUNTRY CHURCHES HAVE CLOSED THEIR DOORS

Ohio Survey Shows Most Distressing throughout this week, at Calvary Episcopal Church. Conditions in Rural Life.

MAKE SURVEY IN VIRGINIA

Commission on Church and Country invited to be present. Life Has Plans for Aggressive Campaign to Remedy Conditions Shown to Be General.

churches has been abandoned in recent years. Only one-third are increaseither ceased growing or are dying. Eighty-three per cent have less than

OHIO SURVEY HAS

same which confronts the country the energy of the very beine season. To a people as much accustomed to meeting emergencies as our people have long been, there is nothing appailing in the prospect.

"The responsibility is on each man day rich blessing be granted to all."

"SUNDAY EVENING FORUM"

ANNOUNCED IN BUFFALO

Distinguished Men and Women to Speak on Subjects of Importance to All Workers.

Calvary Church, Buffalo, one of the Speak on Subjects of the Wiston, New York, Rev. Hibbert of Calvary Church, Buffalo, one of the down-town Presbyterian churches, and meetings and music will be furnished by the Chromatte Club, a society that has organized a forum to be held in the Prospect of the Chromatte Club, a society that has organized a forum to be held in the Pullar Top Andrew Color of the subjects and speakers of the Prelical Country Life, devoted to commential to the man whose stable was combinated of many characters and same, wherever it was known, was extended to the commination of the commission and president of the National Conservation Association for Warren In Wilson, New York, director Press there is a common ministen and president of the Atlonal Conservation Same to the problems of trural church feederal control of the problems of trural church work Pressident Kenyon L. Pressident Kenyon L. Butterfield, of Massachustics of the problems of trural church work Pressident Kenyon L. Butterfield, of Massachustics of the problems of trural church work Pressident Kenyon L. Butterfield, of Massachustics of the problems of trural church work Pressident Kenyon L. Butterfield, of Massachustics of the problems of trural church work Pressident Kenyon L. Butterfield, of Massachustics of the problems of trural church comming the prospace of the problems of the problems of trural church work Pressident Kenyon L. Rev. All the decisions of the problems of trural church work Pressident Kenyon L. Rev. All the decisions of the problems of trural chu

"ADVANCE ON YOUR KNEES."

By Rev. Walter R. Scott. Pray on! The time is short, And ever flying: Pray on! "Fis not for naught That hearts are sighing

Pray on! The world is dead, And ever dying: Pray on! Christ's blood was shed, The ransom buying.

Pray on! The need is near. And ever pleading! Pray on! For God will hear Thine interceding.

And ever growing; Pray on! The harvests wait Thy patient sowing.

REVIVAL MEETINGS HERE

Preaches This Morning at Second Baptist Church and Later at Academy of Music.

J. T. ELLYSON WILL PRESIDE

Y. M. C. A .- Dr. Bowie Will Address Yale Students at New Haven. St. James's Anniversary.

Gypsy Smith, Jr., a well-known evan gelist will open a series of meetings in Richmond this morning with a sermon at the Second Baptist Church. Adams and Franklin Street. At 3:39 o'clock this afternoon he will conduct special service at the Academy of Music, arranged for by the Central Young Men's Christian Association. Smith will be introduced this Mr. Smith will be introduced this afternoon by Lieutenant Governor J. Taylor Ellyson. His subject at this time will be "The Trickster." Music will be furnished by the Lyric Male of God." The pastor, Rev. Fred R. will be furnished by the Lyric Male Quartet, composed of F. Osman, E. L. Thomas, B. P. Wheatley and Fred

Schaaf. Gypsy Smith, Jr., who is a son of the noted evangelist, came to Richmond from Memphis, Tenn., where he con-ducted a successful series of meetings. ducted a successful series of meetings.
At one time he was associated with will mark both services to-day, the occasion being the twenty-fifth anniversary of the church.

Rev. W. Russell Bowle, D. D., rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, left last night for New Haven, Conn., where e will to-day preach one of a series of special sermons before the students f Vale University. From New Haven Dr. Bowle will go to New York, where he will conduct a mission,

A Thanksgiving sermon will be preached to-night at 8 o'clock at the First English Lutheran Church by the pastor, Rev. J. J. Scherer, Jr., to the Daughters of Liberty.

St. Hilda's Guild of St. Paul's Epis-opal Church will hold its annual copal Church will hold its annual Christmas sale on Wednesday at the parish house. The societies of St. James Episcopal Church will hold a similar the same day at St. James parish house.

tain Walter Harvey, of the Salvation Army Headquarters, New York, will

11 o'clock. The rector, Rev. James W. Morris, D. D. will preach this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

St. Mark's Episcopat.—Rev. S. Roger Tyler, rector, will conduct both morn-ing and evening services. Christ Episcopal.—The rector, Rev. Charles W. Sydnor, will conduct the

Charles W. Sydnor, will conduct the morning service. To-night at 8 o'clock Rev. Thomas Huber-Jones will preach. Holy Trinkty Episcopal.—Usual services will be conducted by the rector, Rev. J. J. Gravatt, D. D., and the assis-tant rector, Rev. Thomas Y. Faulkner.

St. James Episcopal.—The rector, Rev. G. Freeland Peter, will preach this morning at 11 o'clock and to-night at 8:15 o'clock.

First Presbyterian .- The pastor, Rev McFaden, D. D., will conduct both services.

Second Presbyterlan .- Rev. Edward Mack. D. D., of the Union Theological Seminary, will preach at both services in the absence from the city of Rev. Russell Cecil. D. D., the pastor.

Grace-Covenant Presbyterian -- Ren J. Calvin Stewart, D. D., the paster, will conduct both services.

Chenault, will preach at the evening

Highland Park Methodist.—The pastor. Rev. C. O. Tuttle, will preach at both services.

Centenary Methodist.—The pastor, Rev. T. A. Smoot, D. D., will preach at both services.

Union Station Methodist—The pastor, Rev. W. Asbury Christian, D. D., will preach this morning on "Pressing Forward After a Glance Backward."
To-night his subject will be "The To-night his subject will be Debt Thanksgiving Left You."

Fairmount Avenue Methodist-The Rev. James Y. Fair, D. D., will preach a sermon to Richmond Lodge, No. 10, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, at Westminster Presbyterian Church to-night at 8 o'clock. All Masons are invited to be present.

Pairmount Avenue Methodist—The pastor, Rev. E. V. Carson, will preach this morning on "Help One Another," which will be a special sermon to Red Men. To-night his subject will be "Some Things I Heard and Saw At Conference."

> showing the life of the Chinese at home will be shown.

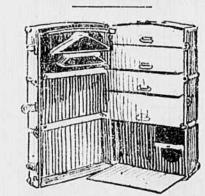
First Baptist-The pastor. George W. McDaniel, D. D., will preach at both services.

Leigh Street Baptist—The pastor, Rev. J. J. Wicker, will preach at both services. Baptism at the evening ser-

Rev. H. D. C. Maclachlan, D. D., will preach this morning on "The Costliness

Regular services will be held this morning. The subject will be "Ancient and Modern Necromancy, alias Mes-

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Special Sale To-Morrow WARDROBE TRUNKS REDUCED

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